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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Inventors: GUNTHER *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization for \$490.00 to cover:  
\$490.00 Petition for Extension of Time (two (2) months);
2. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
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